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HEREWITH DRAFT TEXT OF SECRETARIAT PROPOSED TERMS OF  
REFERENCE BASED UPON SEPTEMBER 19TH SEVEN PLUS SEVEN  
PLUS ONE DISCUSSIONS. BEGIN TEXT:

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THE COUNCIL DECIDES TO SET UP, ON AN INTERIM  
BASIS, A GROUP OF ( ) WITH THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF  
REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP.

THE TASK OF THE GROUP OF ( ) IS TO FACILITATE THE  
CARRYING OUT, BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, OF THEIR  
RESPONSIBILITIES, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO:

A. FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENTS  
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WITH A VIEW TO THE PURSUIT AND MAINTENANCE

OF TRADE POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES  
AND PRINCIPLES OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT;

B. THE FORESTALLING, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, OF SUDDEN  
DISTURBANCES THAT COULD REPRESENT A THREAT TO  
THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM AND TO INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE RELATIONS GENERALLY AND ACTION TO DEAL WITH  
SUCH DISTURBANCES IF THEY IN FACT OCCUR;

C. THE TRADE ASPECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADJUSTMENT  
PROCESS AND THE COORDINATION, IN THIS CONTEXT, BETWEEN  
THE GATT AND THE IMF.

IN THE PURSUIT OF ITS TASK, THE GROUP SHALL TAKE INTO  
ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE GROUP SHALL NOT IMPINGE UPON THE COMPETENCE OR  
AUTHORITY OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OR THE COUNCIL AND  
SHALL NOT ASSUME, OR DETRACT FROM, ANY OF THE DECISION-MAKING  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THESE TWO BODIES OR OF THE PERMANENT GATT  
COMMITTEES. NEITHER SHALL IT INTERFERE WITH THE ACTIVITIES AND  
COMPETENCE OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE.

THE GROUP IS TEMPORARY IN CHARACTER. THE COUNCIL  
SHALL REVIEW THE OPERATIONS OF THE GROUP AT THE END OF THE  
FIRST YEAR OF ITS EXISTENCE.

IN ORDER TO KEEP THE GROUP'S MEMBERSHIP BALANCED  
AND BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE, THERE SHALL BE ROTATION OF ITS  
MEMBERS AS APPROPRIATE. INITIALLY THE COMPOSITION OF THE  
GROUP SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

CHAIRMAN  
MEMBERS

IN DEVELOPING ITS PROCEDURES, THE GROUP SHALL ENSURE  
THAT, WHEN A MATTER OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO ANY  
CONTRACTING PARTY IS UNDER DISCUSSION, THE OPPORTUNITY EXISTS  
FOR THE VIEWS OF THAT CONTRACTING PARTY TO BE FULLY PRESENTED  
TO THE GROUP.

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THE GROUP MAY INVITE OBSERVERS (FROM OTHER  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS) TO ATTEND DURING THE DISCUSSION  
OF AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF A MEETING.

THE GROUP SHALL NORMALLY MEET THREE TIMES A YEAR  
AND SHALL HOLD SUCH FURTHER MEETINGS AS IT MAY CONSIDER  
NECESSARY.

THE GROUP SHALL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AS APPROPRIATE  
AND AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. END TEXT. DALE

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